**Animals of the UAE**

**The camel**

This animal is well suited to the desert environment, and provides almost everything its owner needs. The camel is a traditional form of transport. Men can ride them to their date gardens, to a market or can join in camel races. Camel milk was a main source of protein for the family for months; then there would be a feast to celebrate a wedding or the arrival of a guest and a male camel would be killed to provide the meat. Camel skin was used to make bags and some of the best men’s clothes (bisht) were made from the hair.

**The Arabian horse**  
The Arabian horse is as much a part of Arab tradition in the UAE as the camel. They used to be so important that sometimes they shared a tent with their owner! Horse racing is a very popular sport in the UAE and the first Arabian Horse Show was held in Abu Dhabi in March 1996. This festival provides an opportunity for people to see some of the best Arabian horses in the world.

**Racing**

Both horses and camels are used for racing. One special event is a 40km race in the desert near Dubai, where camels race against horses; the horses usually win!

**Circle the correct answer [2 marks for each correct answer]**

* 1. What kind of text is this piece of writing?

a) argument

b) discussion

c) information report

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d) narrative

* 1. Which animal/s is it about?

a) the horse

b) the camel and Arabian horse

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c) the camel and the falcon

d) the camel

* 1. Which language features can you find in the above article?

a) argument

b) headings/sub-headings

c) opinion

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d) recipe

* 1. ‘Protein’ means.....

a) a type of camel

b) transport

c) a welcome guest

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d) a kind of food

* 1. ‘Tradition’ means
     + - 1. a type of camel
         2. something done now
         3. something done for a long time

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* + - * 1. a type of food
  1. Why do you think a male camel was used for meat?
     + - 1. male camels are better than horses
         2. there are more male camels
         3. female camels can produce more camels

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* + - * 1. male camels are stronger than female camels

**Short response answers [mark out of 4 for each]**

* 1. Explain 2 ways camels are useful to people. Give reasons why.

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* 1. How do we know that horses were important to their owners?

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